



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, pressure injuries, also known as bedsores, impact about 2.5 million people each year, claim the lives of about 60,000 people each year and cost the United States healthcare system about \$11 billion annually; and

**WHEREAS**, prevention will reduce the high incidence of pressure injuries and the substantial pain associated pressure-related injuries that may develop into ulcers; and

**WHEREAS**, prevention will reduce the financial burden to the state of Tennessee for unnecessary healthcare costs; because many pressure injuries are preventable; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) reports that no other preventable event occurs as frequently as pressure-related injuries;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 17, 2016 as

## *Pressure Injury Prevention Awareness Day*

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this sixteenth day of November, 2016.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Haslam".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. D. Hargett".

Secretary of State

